

see their costs go down while the rest of the world starts to pay their fair share.

Mr. GANSKE. I think that this is a very important issue. There are competing plans for more comprehensive pharmaceutical benefits in Medicare. They are caught up right now in presidential politics as well as partisan politics with the elections coming up. But this is something that we have been able to already vote on in both the House and in the Senate in a very bipartisan manner. Would this solve the total problem? No. But it would be an important step forward. I do think that it would result in more competitive and lower priced prescription drugs in this country. It would take a little while for the implementation of the rules that the FDA would make in terms of being able to inspect periodically reimported drugs. So I do not think it would be an immediate benefit. We might not see it in the first 6 months or maybe even year after the implementation, but very shortly I think it could be implemented. And I think that the administration has come to the conclusion that this can be done safely, too. Otherwise, Secretary Shalala would not have said we think that with some small amount of additional funding for the FDA, we can adequately protect American consumers on the reimportation of drugs.

I would point out that as the gentleman already has that food passes back and forth across our borders rather freely. It is inspected periodically. But there are pathogens that can appear on food that can be life-threatening, too. Yet we do not say that there can be no international trade on food. And so this is something that we ought to get done before we finish up. I truly encourage our leadership and the administration to work together in good faith and not to be unduly swayed by attempts by the pharmaceutical industry to put in provisions that would in essence continue this practice of protectionism.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. I would just thank the gentleman again for this special order. If I could just say that the two of us came in 1994 and hopefully, with the blessing of our voters in our district, we are going to be back next year to continue to fight in that Teddy Roosevelt tradition, to create more competition, whether it is in the pharmaceutical industry, whether it is with packers and stockyards, because at the end of the day one of the rules of the Federal Government is to ensure that there will be adequate competition, that there will be a level playing field, and that everybody has a chance to succeed in this marketplace.

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So we are going to be back next year, regardless of what happens on either of these issues. We are going to continue

to press the envelope, and the spirit of Teddy Roosevelt is still alive and well here in Washington.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 p.m.) the House stood in recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DREIER) at 11 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.

#### REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4828, STEENS MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS ACT OF 2000

Mrs. MYRICK, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-930) on the resolution (H. Res. 609) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4828) to designate wilderness areas and a cooperative management and protection area in the vicinity of Steens Mountain in Harney County, Oregon, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BROWN of Ohio) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CARDIN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BLUMENAUER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GUTKNECHT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SIMPSON, for 5 minutes, October 5.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, October 10.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported

that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker.

H.R. 3363. For the relief of Akal Security, Incorporated.

H.R. 4115. To authorize appropriations for the United States Holocaust memorial museum, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4733. Making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4931. To provide for the training or orientation or individuals, during a Presidential transition, who the President intends to appoint to certain key positions, to provide for a study and report on improving the financial disclosure process for certain Presidential nominees, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5193. To amend the National Housing Act to temporarily extend the applicability of the downpayment simplification provisions for the PHA single family housing mortgage insurance program.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 704. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to combat the overutilization of prison health care services and control rising prisoner health care costs.

S. 179. An act to designate the Federal courthouse at 145 East Simpson Avenue in Jackson, Wyoming, as the "Clifford P. Hansen Federal Courthouse".

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 18 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 4, 2000, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

10422. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Annual Report for the calendar year 1999; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

10423. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed transfer of major defense equipment from the Government of Israel [Transmittal RSAT-2-00], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

10424. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract to South Korea [Transmittal No. DTC 130-00], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

10425. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a notice, in accordance